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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Whole turkey trade sentiment attempting to settle as some sellers held offering prices. Trading and demand were quiet. Offers of whole turkeys were in a full range. Demand fair to good on fresh tom breast meat. Demand for thigh meat was light. Trade sentiment on fresh and frozen tom breast meat steady to firm, thigh meat barely steady to weak, tom drums steady at current low prices.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading centered on a fair volume of open priced fresh thigh meat for February shipments, otherwise trading was fairly quiet. Mexico buying interest continued to improve slowly.

Effective January 4, 1999, all turkey reports are being issued from the Des Moines Market News office. As a result of our review of trade practices and reporting procedures, we have revised the reports to better serve the needs of our customers. Call your local Market News office for further details.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 28, 1999**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	FEB
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	FEB
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JANUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	57.60**	55.00	52.50		57.67	69.00	55.65
CENTRAL REGION	57.00**	57.91	52.05		57.67	68.07	54.99
WESTERN REGION	58.50**	55.00	54.00**		58.67	68.07	55.40
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	58.50	57.00**	56.00		57.86	67.14	56.55
CENTRAL REGION	57.00**	58.20	52.49		57.84	66.41	55.64
WESTERN REGION	58.50**	55.48	55.00**		58.94	65.95	56.13

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-82
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-75

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	85-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 01-FEB-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	64.18	220		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	65.00	160		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	62.00	60		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		160		20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 16-Jan-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>			<u>WT</u>
N EAST	1,035	132	23.03	(A)	(A)	1,036	23.05
S ATL	505	-59	28.54	(A)	(A)	508	28.72
N CENT	1,627	-27	27.56	(A)	(A)	1,637	27.54
S CENT	573	-5	21.31	NONE	NONE	573	21.31
WEST	495	662	23.53	(A)	(A)	502	23.56
U.S.TOTAL	4,235(B)	-8	25.25	0	21	4,256	25.28
TO DATE							
1999	8,831(B)			0	33	8,864	
TO DATE							
1998	9,738(B)			0	60	9,798	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 5,000 for the year 26,000; last year to date 43,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Jan-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>—THOUSANDS—</u>			
HEAD	0	4,235	21	4,256
AVG WT	0.00	25.25	30.71	25.28
LAST WEEK	0	4,596	12	4,608
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,954	28	4,982
AVG WT	0.00	24.12(A)	25.79	24.13
TO-DATE/1999	0	8,831(A)	33	8,864
TO-DATE/1998	0	9,738(A)	60	9,798

(A) Includes 26,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 43,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 16-Jan-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 495 HD, 11,646 LBS,
TO DATE 560 HD, 13,522 LBS; OLD 7 HD, TO DATE 7 HD;
TOTAL 502 HD, TO DATE 567 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

DECEMBER	473,482 *
JANUARY 1-16, 1999	187,996 *

To date 1999 187,996 *

To date 1998 195,583 *

* PRELIMINARY

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 JANUARY 1999.

Undertone steady to barely steady, mostly steady on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts. Demand fair to good for February shipments. Trading heavy on fresh and frozen Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts with some fresh noted with backs removed. Plant grade 4-7 lb. breast trading light. Offerings of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts tight to instances fully adequate with some sellers becoming better balanced. Export trading light on open priced frozen thigh meat and frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey, hen drums 18, tom wings 20, defatted gizzards 67 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	94.75-96.00		95.98	3,089
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	125.00-142.00		127.84	1,280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	87.00		87.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	58
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.50-19.00		18.83	72
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	37.00	8
NECKS, TOM	21.00-23.00		21.40	106
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	162.00-175.00		162.79	416
THIGH MEAT	54.00-57.00		55.29	70
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	116.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	135.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	56.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	10.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	15.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-18.00		17.84	1,072
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	416
TAILS	19.50		19.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	53.00	364

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 JANUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat, scapula and breast trim steady to firm; thigh meat barely steady to weak; drums at least steady. Inquiry improved on fresh tom breast meat for prompt shipments for the limited availability. Thigh meat demand improved from nil to light at best, best for exports. However, offering prices continue to trend lower. Export trading centered on a fair volume of open priced fresh thigh meat for February shipments, light on hen and tom full-cut wings at 19 cents delivered and on tom drums. Canner pack demand light and Mexico buying interest continues to gradually improve.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	95.98	3,089	95.86	3,289
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	127.84	1,280	127.84	1,280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	87.00	240	88.54	1,040
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	18.00	58	17.71	138
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	80	18.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	18.83	72	19.06	144
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.25	80	21.50	110
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.00	26	24.73	146
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	37.00	8	37.00	8
NECKS, TOM		R	21.40	106	21.92	158
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	10	18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	165.00	40	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	165.00-166.00		165.78	180	164.07	1,016
THIGH MEAT	54.00		54.00	40	54.82	110
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT	113.50		113.50	40	113.50	40
SCAPULA MEAT	100.00-101.00		100.33	120	100.33	120
TENDERLOINS		W	116.00	12	116.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	137.00-146.00		141.50	160	140.20	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	56.00	80	56.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	10.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.53	150	14.70	230
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-18.50		18.25	208	17.88	1,440
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.00	416	25.50	832
TAILS		R	19.50	80	19.12	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	13.00	40	13.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.50-54.00		50.03	72	53.18	596

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